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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 19 March 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-16.

Identification of prior art discussed: Jokipii et al. (US PGPub 2003/0190960 and Kim (US 6,398,642).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed resolution of finality of last Office Action. Discussed claim language of claim 1 and clarified functionality of invention. Specifically that the rank of a player determines the discard time allowed for a player. An agreement was made that the current references are overcome. Examiner awaits formal reply.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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